Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at: Kathleen [redacted] + Babet

[redacted] Coleman Ave

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Davis Dr.

City Aberdeen State Ms Zipcode 39730

Phone No. [redacted] Cell

Our family consists of:

Myself and my dog Babet

Our Katrina experience was:

I had left Babet with the vet in Ocean Springs and driven to Aberdeen on Dec. 26 to attend my granddaughter's 4th Birthday party on the 27th. Late on the 27th I watched the news and found out Katrina was aimed at us. It was too late to return and get Babet or (over) save any of my treasures.

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

I would love to have a nice warm coat size 3. It is very cold up here and the heater in my car doesn't work.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

About a week later I saw a picture on TV of Coleman here and knew for sure I had nothing left. On Sept. 9th my daughter came down from Memphis and took me to the coast. We went to where my house use to be and were able to retrieve a number of small pieces of dishes, silver and crystal. Some totally in tact. We then picked up Babet in Ocean Springs, who was very, very, happy to see me, and returned to Aberdeen where we lived in a small two room apartment until Nov. 1st. We now have a small house, some furniture and are trying to start over which has been difficult. Starting over at age 62 is not easy. I was ~~the~~ my only financial provider and had also lost my job.

The good news is on Nov. 28th I became employed. It is through a government grant and is only for 6 mos. Maybe by then I may be able to return to Waveland and my job at Casino Magic. That is where I was at home.

Santa I know this letter is getting to you late, but I only received it on Dec. 8th.